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CAED receives donation

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It only took five months for the construction management department to become \$250,000 richer.

It began at a recent home building competition and conference in Las Vegas. The Cal Poly team placed second among 29 universities and captured the attention of Pulte Homes, a Fortune 500 company. Less than six months later, Pulte signed a contract to fund a new residential construction lab and form a partnership with Cal Poly.

"We believe strongly in the Cal Poly construction management program and its students," said Igor Noriega, Southern California area president for Pulte Homes. "We believe that the future of our company is to hire well educated students, and the construction management program at Cal Poly is highly recognized through out the country."

Richard Zweifel, interim dean of College of Architecture and Environmental Design, said this partnership is a great asset for the department.

"We are grateful for the association with the firm," Zweifel said. "This is definitely opening new horizons for students."

Pulte Homes will not only donate money, but will also participate in guest lectures, job fair recruitment and allow Cal Poly students to have job site access, office tours.



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Igor Noriega, Southern California area president of Pulte Homes, sign a contract for the \$250,000 donation while construction management department head Allan Hauck observes.

Allan Hauck, construction management department head, said he is appreciative of the funding as well

as the partnership.

"It's terrific," Hauck said. "The

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Feminist poet to address diversity

By Stacey Dorning
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Student and community members will be honored tonight as one of the world's most distinguished poets speaks in Chumash Auditorium.



RICH

Adrienne

Rich, feminist poet and award-winning essayist, will give a reading of her work tonight at 7 p.m.

"She is one of the most influential, if not the most influential, poets alive in the United States today," poetry and English professor Kevin Clark said.

The Maryland-born poet was first recognized for her talent when she received the Yale Younger Poets Award in 1951 at the age of 21. Rich's popularity has only continued to grow with both men and women alike.

"She often writes about social issues affecting women, but I find her work very interesting," Clark said. "I'm male, but her work applies to both sexes."

Rich's poetry and prose confronts poverty, violence, sexism, racism and social issues like these that plague America today.

"When it came to feminism, she could see the problem before others could see it," Clark said.

While she has received critical acclaim for her literary works, Rich is also a prominent figure in women studies.

"She's very political in her writing, highlighting issues of diversity," English professor Kathryn Rummell said. "She offers a new perspective not heard often at Cal Poly."

Rich's speaking engagement is being funded by the English department's student fee increase. Rummell, advisor to the Student Fee Committee, said after narrowing the speaker options down to eight or 10 writers, the committee chose Rich for two reasons.

"After researching her work, we found out she was available, so it was a combination of student choice and practicality," Rummell said.

Clark said the student committee is formed by junior and senior English majors who have become familiar with her work and its accessible nature in their classes.

"The students are going to be transported by her poetry," Clark said. "It's their chance to see one of the greatest, lasting voices in literature."

Clark said he remembers the very day that Rich's poetry changed his life.

"I was in Hackensack, New Jersey, when I went into a bookstore and found her book, 'Diving into the

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Cultural clubs come together to show unity

By Susan Malanche
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Lion dances, ethnic foods and coloring contests are just some of the events that will take place this weekend as Cal Poly cultural clubs unite to celebrate their diversity.

Cal Poly's Multicultural Center and Associated Students Inc. student government will host the eighth annual Culture Fest celebration this Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo.

Over 20 different clubs will present cultural performances, sell food and provide information at different booths. This year's theme, "Poly Culture," represents the many cultures that will be uniting for this one event, said Ruby Moz, political science senior and Culture Fest chairperson.

"This is really the only event that combines all the different cultural clubs on campus," Moz said. "It's a great opportunity to see all the different talents each club has to offer."

Throughout the year cultural clubs have separate performances and events. Culture Fest builds a larger sense of community within the clubs and gives them a chance to build stronger bonds, Moz said.

The Chinese Student Association is one of the clubs that will be performing this

'Reina del Sol' to celebrate diversity

By Allison Terry
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In efforts to promote diversity and awareness at Cal Poly, Sigma Omega Nu and other cultural interest clubs will host the fifth annual Reina del Sol celebration on Saturday.

The celebration will be held at the Oddfellows Hall downtown. The doors open at 5 p.m. and the main event, a talent show, will start shortly after. The talent show will feature dance routines, lip syncs and rap poetry performed by

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weekend. CSA members will perform a traditional lion dance, said Nga Huynh, political science junior and club president.

"The lion dance is a combination of martial arts and dancing," Huynh said. "Dancers will be performing under a lion head that was imported from Malaysia."

Huynh said the Chinese Student

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Packed with self expression





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A self portrait of art and design senior Keith Bormuth was painted on a suitcase. The piece was part of the senior project art show 'Dialogue Becomes Visual' at the Pacific Marine Building Thursday. This is the second showing of the work. Three hundred people came to the first show on May 10.


Weather Watch


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SUNDAY
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Today's Moon

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Today's Tides

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High: 11:39 a.m. / 3.9 feet
Low: 4:22 p.m. / 1.8 feet
High: 10:37 p.m. / 6.5 feet



Ag researcher shares practices

By Susan Malanche
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium is bringing internationally known researcher and author John Jeavons to campus to share his experience in the field of biointensive agriculture methods and its many benefits.

Jeavons will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Orfalea College of Business Rotunda, building three, room 213.

Biointensive agriculture is a form of sustainable agriculture that seeks to limit the use of products generated outside the farm itself and also maximize productivity per acre, said program coordinator Hunter Francis in a press release.

Jeavons has been the executive director of Ecology Action for the past 30 years. The organization is known for its researching, developing and sharing of techniques for growing more food in a small area using simple tools and seeds, while

maintaining or increasing the health and productivity of the soil.

"Jeavons has been a pioneer of the modern agricultural movement for the past three decades," Francis said in an interview. "People from all over the world go to his educational center to learn practices on maintaining healthy farming and gardening techniques."

Francis said Jeavons' small-scale farming techniques rely on intensive planting practices in a diversified system where many plants are mixed together. He pays a lot of attention to soil fertility and soil promoting practices such as the use of compost, he said.

"Food is so fundamental in our lives, and many people are not aware of what is involved in the raising of it," Francis said. "This will give the public an understanding of how the food system works and how they can support sustainable agriculture."

Jeavons will speak at 7 p.m. in the Orfalea College of Business Rotunda, building three, room 213.

Professor discusses gender, nature of travel

By Katie Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Does the nature of travel behavior depend on gender? Do city planners develop cities that equally satisfy all transportation needs?

Cal Poly city and regional planning professor D. Gregg Doyle will explore these topics in a talk entitled "The Women in Traffic: Clearing the Jam in 'Gender and Urban Travel' Research." Presented by the Cal Poly women's studies program, the lecture will be held Monday in the Erhart Agriculture building from noon to 1 p.m.

"Urban development is new to women's studies," women's studies program director Mary Armstrong said. "We haven't discussed that aspect yet."

Doyle's lecture focuses on the gendered nature of travel behavior and how care giving is reflected in urban travel. He will argue that planners should prioritize the importance of a

caregiver's daily trips, rather than focus on the general idea of "increased mobility."

"While women have gained mobility as well as employment at the rate of men, inequities by sex are clearly persisting," Doyle said.

As traditional female and male roles blur, city planners face the challenge of accommodating everyone's needs.

"Rather than the old school divisions between men and women, we need to look at behavior and household roles," Doyle said.

As part of the faculty lecture series, women's studies chose Doyle because he is a new addition to Cal Poly's city and regional planning program. Doyle will offer an academic analysis of the problem with an eye to how we can fix it, Armstrong said.

"We don't have a particularly healthy economy right now, and the topic of travel is becoming more and more important," Armstrong said.

CULTURE

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Association was the first cultural club established on campus, over 50 years ago. They will continue to use this event to make their culture visible to the community, Huynh said.

Multicultural Center coordinator Mark Fabionar works with students to develop events such as Culture Fest and programs regarding diversity issues.

"There's definitely a need to engage in more dialogue and awareness on campus and in the community," Fabionar said. "This provides a good starting point in a very fun setting."

The Multicultural Center serves as a working center for students to study and

get cultural resources, Fabionar said. Throughout the year students can participate in cultural awareness events, speaker series and cross-cultural leadership retreats.

"The center is a space where all students can interrogate issues of cultural

diversity and feel comfortable on a campus that is not very diverse," Fabionar said.

This is the second year Culture Fest will take place at Mission Plaza.

Students and Culture Fest committee members said they want the communi-

ty to benefit from this event as much as students.

"It gives the public a greater awareness that there is a community of color at Cal Poly," Moz said. "Although there is not a lot of ethnic diversity, this shows what diversity does exist."

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National Briefs

Lawmakers say Saudi attack was hard to prevent

WASHINGTON — No level of security can guarantee protection against attacks by terrorists willing to die for their cause, the Saudi ambassador to the United States said Thursday.

"But what we can do, however, is pursue them vigorously and when we get them, we bring them to justice, try them and punish them swiftly and harshly," said Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Bandar once again defended his country's response to a request by the United States for improved security in an area of Riyadh where Westerners live. Speculation about security arrangements there continues in the wake of the car-bomb attacks early this week that killed over 30 people, including several Americans.

Leading congressional figures on intelligence issues said Wednesday the attacks would have been difficult to stop even if Saudi officials had responded more aggressively to U.S. pleas.

U.S. ambassador Robert Jordan said that before the attacks, Saudi officials failed to respond to repeated requests for more protection at Western residential compounds and government installations.

Homeland Security to look for anti-missile devices for airliners

WASHINGTON — After a monthlong study, the government

has decided to ask two companies to try to build devices that will protect commercial planes from shoulder-fired missiles, lawmakers said Thursday.

The Department of Homeland Security also will ask other high-tech firms for proposals on the best way to protect aircraft from the threat, which has concerned U.S. officials since an unsuccessful attack on an Israeli passenger jet in Africa last fall.

"This is a real breakthrough," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who is co-sponsoring a bill to equip 6,800 U.S. airliners with anti-missile devices at a cost of \$10 billion.

The study was ordered in April as part of the spending plan for the war in Iraq, and the Department of Homeland Security is expected to release details on it as soon as Friday.

Schumer, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., have been briefed on the study and held a news conference to discuss the findings.

Brian Roehrkasse, Homeland Security spokesman, confirmed two companies will be asked to build prototypes. He did not identify them.

Truck driver charged after 18 people die after being locked in trailer

VICTORIA, Texas — A New York-based trucker was charged in federal court Thursday with transporting illegal immigrants after 18 members of a group abandoned inside a semitrailer at a South Texas truck stop died.

Tyrone Williams of Schenectady,

N.Y., was charged with transporting and harboring aliens and conspiracy to transport and harbor aliens, Victoria County District Attorney M.P. "Dexter" Eaves said.

Two people believed to have accompanied Williams were being sought, and other suspects could still be identified, Eaves said.

"We want to get every bit of justice for these guys," Eaves said. "I want this insurance for these 18 people — that they did not die in vain. I want an accounting." Williams likely will also face state charges, Eaves said.

Williams' wife, Karen, told the Houston Chronicle in a story for its online edition that her husband normally hauls watermelons from the border to the Northeast. She said he told her the trailer was hijacked and that he dropped the trailer "for his own safety and ran."

International Briefs

Putin agrees Iran poses nuclear threat

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Edging closer to the Bush administration's view, Russian President Vladimir Putin is registering concern about Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions and there will be further discussion of the issue when Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov holds talks in Washington next week, a senior U.S. official said.

Putin and Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov did not get into specifics in talks with Powell in Moscow on Wednesday, but it was apparent to the U.S. side that findings by the International Atomic Energy

Agency that Iran has a vigorous weapons program was getting through to the Russians.

The Russians made clear they, too, are concerned about nuclear activity in Iran and they do not want a nuclear-armed Iran in the neighborhood, the official said Thursday.

The issue is on the agenda for President Bush's visit to St. Petersburg June 1 for talks with Putin. The Russian president is trying to establish a positive basis for the talks, said the official on condition of anonymity.

China threatens to execute people who intentionally spread SARS virus

BEIJING — The SARS emergency worsened in Taiwan, which had its biggest one-day jump in cases Thursday, while China threatened possible execution for people who cause death or injury by deliberately spreading the disease.

The warning by China's Supreme Court, reported by the official Xinhua News Agency, appeared to be an effort to force compliance with quarantines and other restrictions. It cited existing laws with tough penalties, including a possible death penalty for even nonviolent offenses.

Police said Thursday that a doctor carrying SARS was arrested for allegedly breaking quarantine and starting an outbreak that infected more than 100 people in the northern Chinese city of Linhe — the first known arrest on charges of infecting others. He was to be charged under a law that has a maximum sentence of three years — and it was not immedi-

ately clear if the tougher penalties would apply to him.

Carlos Menem quits Argentine presidential race, clearing path to presidency for Kirchner

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Former president Carlos Menem abandoned his uphill battle for a third term Wednesday, clearing the way for a little-known governor from Patagonia to be Argentina's next president.

The 72-year-old Menem, who dominated Argentine politics during the 1990s, quit the race four days before a scheduled runoff in which polls predicted his comeback would be rebuffed by voters weary of the corruption scandals that dogged his terms in office.

His departure opened the way for electoral authorities to proclaim Nestor Kirchner the country's next president after Menem formally withdraws in writing.

But Kirchner's comments late Wednesday sounded presidential as he vowed to rebuild the country.

"With courage and decisiveness, I will assume the responsibilities of governing this country," said Kirchner, a 53-year-old governor of the Patagonian province of Santa Cruz.

While Menem was an unabashed defender of conservative free-market policies welcomed on Wall Street, Kirchner campaigned on a center-left platform that emphasized defending domestic jobs and industries. He has criticized U.S. foreign policy and the International Monetary Fund.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andra Coberly.

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Eating etiquette

Dear Miss Mind Over Manners,
I recently started a new diet and am trying my hardest to stick to it. But when I eat with my friends, I have to explain to them what I can and can't eat and I feel like this offends them. How can I keep my diet and my friends?

Sincerely,
Nearly Fit But Becoming Friendless

Dear Nearly Fit But Becoming Friendless,
How many calories are in a slice of pizza? How many grams of fat are in a tub of ice cream? How many "points" are in a slice of chocolate cake? Is it just me or can people on diets not only answer these questions, but also



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apply them to any other food on the buffet table? It is almost like, given the right literature, our friends transform into diet gurus over night. Aside from sequins and spandex, the worst thing is they not only want to apply this to their life, but the lives of everyone else they know as well.

Yet there is hope.

Chances are that if you know how to use a microwave, you are not eating every meal with friends. So if eating out is a weekly thing, prepare ahead of time. Plan on eating at a place with a wide variety of foods. That way, everyone can get something she likes. However, if five of your friends are craving Mexican food, don't even think of voicing your lone vote. Diets are fine until they start imposing on others.

Another thing to keep in check is information regurgitation. If a friend orders a hamburger, don't tell her she is eating half of her daily caloric intake in one sitting and that there are more fat grams in half of that burger than there are fingers on your hands. You might feel you are helping but there is a good chance that feelings are getting hurt. If she wanted to be on a diet, she would be on one. Your preaching will only irritate her.

Also, many people paranoid about their weight will turn to others for positive reinforcement. So be careful of the "grocery list." This means that if you ate one too many doughnuts, don't do the "Well, I had three doughnuts but I only ate one banana, a bowl of Kix and a turkey sandwich today; I won't get fat, right?" You will lose friends left and right.

Eating at a restaurant is very different than eating at another's house, however. If you happen to be at a house of a friend who slaved all day making her grandmother's famous apple pie, don't decline if offered a slice. I am not saying that you have to eat a huge piece, just a small sliver. And heck, if you don't want to eat it all you don't have to. It is just that when food is cooked from the heart, feelings are on the line. Having some is better than having none. Plus, if you are only having a few bites, 60 (or so) calories won't kill you.

Remember, you are what you eat, but you should always be a friend first. So basically keep your diet to yourself and don't share advice that isn't requested. That way you can keep the pounds off while keeping your friends.

Dear Miss Mind Over Manners,
When eating at the dinner table, what do you do if you have to spit something out? For example, let's say you found a chicken bone in what you were chewing. Is it OK to spit it out in a napkin?

Sincerely,
Spit or Swallow

Dear Spit or Swallow,
According to cuisinenet.com, food should be removed from your mouth by the same means used going in. So if you are eating something like grapes with pits, the pit can be dropped into an open palm and then transferred to your plate. As for pieces such as pieces of chicken bone, a different technique is used. The chicken got into your mouth via fork, so the bone should be returned to the plate using the same utensil. This might take a little bit of skill and balance to perfect. Just do the process slowly and you won't drop the piece along the way. An exception to this fork-balancing rule is fish bones. These can just go from mouth to plate with the assistance of your fingers.

The final rule applies to actual pieces of food that you can't bring yourself to swallow. Let's say that you put something in your mouth that is way too hot. All you have to do is discreetly spit it out into your napkin. That way, no one has to stare at a half-eaten piece of food sitting on your plate.

As long as the transfer of food to proper place is not turned into a big ordeal, you have nothing to worry about.

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Patenting SARS a power struggle

Day after day and night after night, scientists around the world run through laboratories and peer through microscopes. It is a serious race and the stakes are high. The winners could take all and leave the losers with nothing but drooping shoulders barely holding up their white lab coats.

The question is ... Who will be able to patent SARS?

Scientists and companies have conducted research since February to pinpoint the severe acute respiratory syndrome virus and its genetic material.

Last week, scientists from the United States, Canada and Hong Kong submitted SARS-related patent applications to claim ownership on various aspects of the disease.

The recent flurry of patent applications has revived the debate on whether it is right to allow people to claim property rights on living things, such as diseases.

In 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office can award patents on living things. Although entire humans cannot be patented, genes or even parts of genes can be if they are new, useful and discovered using scientific techniques. In other words, you can't just find a new substance and automatically patent it. A person must have used scientific methods while researching the newly discovered living

things to receive a patent.

The benefits of patenting parts of the virus SARS outweigh any negative consequences.

First of all, everyone needs a little incentive. Spending fruitless years in a laboratory searching for the cure to the common cold must be discouraging. The idea that one day you might own the genetic makeup to what you spent half your life working on sounds like good enough motivation to keep working. Why not recognize those hard-working scientists with some tangible credit?

Furthermore, researchers will keep studying SARS as long as patent rights are up for grabs. The people who already submitted patent requests may not know for up to two years if they received a patent. Research will continue and new breakthroughs may be made as long as people are still competing to obtain a patent.

There are possible downsides to allowing living things to be patented. If efforts to control the germ fail or future outbreaks occur seasonally, the commercial market for tests and treatments could be lucrative. Those who eventually receive a patent for SARS could own the rights to diagnostic tests, drugs or vaccines.

If private companies patent SARS, they can't only protect their

If efforts to control the germ fail or future outbreaks occur seasonally, the commercial market for tests and treatments could be lucrative.

research and development, but also reap the benefits of drug royalties. This possible monetary reward might explain why so many private companies are anxious to earn patents.

Nonprofit and governmental agencies report that they are in the race to patent SARS for different reasons. They want SARS to be kept in the public domain. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spokesman Llewellyn Grant said the CDC applied for a patent so that others will not monopolize the field.

"The whole purpose of the patent is to prevent folks from controlling the technology," Grant said. "This is being done to give the industry and other researchers reasonable access to the samples."

Exactly.

Private companies are trying to obtain patents for their own benefits. Regulating the accessibility of SARS genetic information is best left to nonprofit and governmental agencies. These are the groups that can control SARS material most effectively and fairly.

Sarah Stephan is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

IT decision ignored the people involved

Editor,

Management lesson No. 1: People are not parts — they aren't interchangeable, they perform differently and produce different results. Once management begins to treat people as parts the process breaks down. People begin to realize they are unimportant to management and apathy sets in. With apathy comes poor quality and low moral.

People are unfortunately hard to quantify or qualify numerically. In American business or education systems, if something cannot be quantified, it must be unimportant. This flaw in thinking starts what is known as a downward spiral where both sides begin to think less and less of the other and become more and more at odds with each other.

By examining documents only and more or less ignoring the people involved, Provost Paul Zingg has made the wrong decision to prevent industrial technology's move to the College of Agriculture. He has failed to see the backstabbing politics that have been unleashed against IT. He has failed to see the clash of IT's open and pro-student culture with Orfalea College of Business' more rigid and lecture-based culture. He instead chooses to wear rose-colored glasses of yesteryear and see the POSSIBILITIES of IT staying in the OCOB, how it could be.

Paul Zingg, by leaving IT in the OCOB you have doomed it to mediocrity. As OCOB moves core IT lecturers to the adjunct professor pool and offers new

tenure-track positions to people the current faculty do not endorse, IT's open and charged culture will fall to a solid sense of rigor mortis.

Sean Meckel is an industrial technology senior.

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Linnaea's Café 1110 Garden St.
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Mother's Tavern 725 Higuera St.
Karaoke • 8 p.m. • 21+

SLO Brew 1119 Garden St.
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2 Dogs Coffee House 1017 Monterey St.
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Tortilla Flats 1051 Nipomo St.
80's & Beyond • 9 p.m. • 18+

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'Reloaded' needs to be replaced

By David Germain

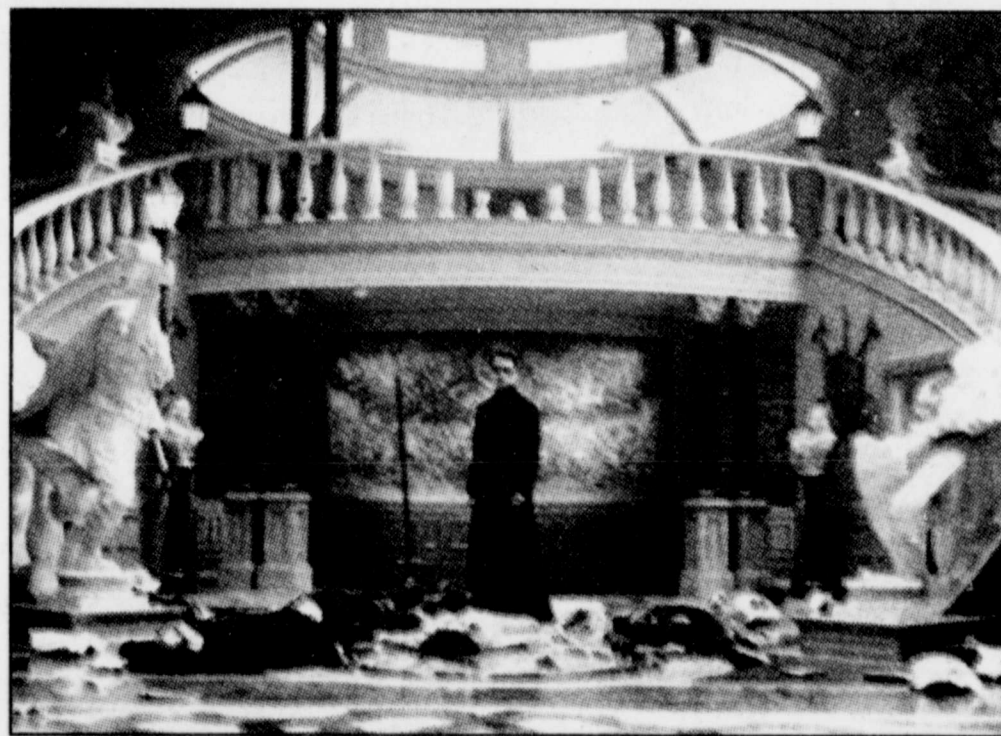
AP MOVIE WRITER

Andy and Larry Wachowski should double-check their ammo. The brothers behind 1999's visionary "The Matrix" are shooting blanks with "The Matrix Reloaded," the first of two sequels due this year.

One of Hollywood's most anticipated movies, "The Matrix Reloaded" is possibly the worst sequel to a really good film ever made ("Jaws: The Revenge" excluded).

Huffing and puffing with ponderously self-important notions of reality, destiny and cause and effect, the movie barrages viewers with "Matrix"-type action and style, which has been copied so often that it's become monotonous. The images are intense and turgid, but so cartoonish and over-the-top, they're almost a caricature of the original.

The sequel is virtually devoid of the first film's sly sense of film-noir intrigue and apocalyptic myths. The sharp dialogue and gradually unfolding revelations are replaced by a juvenile



COURTESY PHOTO

Keanu Reeves stars in "The Matrix Reloaded," the disappointing sequel to the 1999 box office hit, "The Matrix."

muddle of cryptograms and babbling philosophy that sound significant but really are just vacuous jabber between action sequences.

There's no sense of the layered

unmasking of "The Matrix," where the answer to one question raised three more intriguing ones. The ques-

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It's Jack; it's John. No, it's Jason



COURTESY PHOTO

Jason Mraz will play at the Cal Poly Rec Center next Thursday.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

ASI Events presents Jason Mraz in concert at the Cal Poly Rec Center Thursday at 8 p.m. along with special guest Chantal Kreviazuk.

Mraz, a 25-year-old Virginia native, moved west to pursue his music career. After partnering up with percussionist Toca Rivera in 2002, Mraz started gaining momentum in the San Diego and Los Angeles music scenes.

He has toured with Tracy Chapman, Jewel and Dave Matthews Band. His debut album, "Waiting for My Rocket to Come,"

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Grappolo is really kinda crappolo

By Valerie Angelo

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every now and again, students search for an ideal food destination that will impress and appeal to the dating community of Cal Poly. The restaurant of choice this week is The Grappolo Restaurant in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Grappolo would appear to have a romantic appeal; however, please make sure you and your date have reached a high level of intimacy within your conversations. Service does not come cheap, and you may have to wait 15 minutes for the server to bring you

bread, another 10 for your wine and by the end of the hour, it is possible that you may have your food. Perhaps if we had slipped him a twenty, he would have remembered our wine.

Aside from the elongated stretch of time between sitting down and actually being served, the small, modern, Italian restaurant does have a unique style that screams out "Here is a touch of Italy." There are dozens of light fixtures attached to the ceiling, outdoor seating along the creek and soft melodic tunes playing in the background. Located underneath the restaurant is the underground lounge, where customers can relax with a wide assortment of cocktails

and live entertainment. The setting would impress and woman with style and class, but if you are starving for a delicious, well-rounded meal then I suggest Tahoe Joes, or any other restaurant that will give you what you pay for.

The aroma of fine Italian cuisine permeated the entire restaurant. I approached the meal with an eager eye on chicken with a red tomato sauce that would melt in my mouth. First, I would like to have my choice of soup or salad, especially if I am going to wait more than an hour to receive my food. However, due to the fine a la carte menu, upon purchasing your \$15 to \$20

see GRAPPOLO, page 6

A=Excellent **B**=Good **C**=Satisfactory **D**=Poor **F**=Terrible

MATRIX

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tions the sequel poses about free will and the relationship between humanity and machines are so banal, there's little hope of satisfying answers when the trilogy concludes this November with "The Matrix Revolutions."

The Wachowskis' approach this time has a linear, video-game quality. Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne Moss progress through a string of fights, chases and other obstacles as they learn more about this virtual-reality matrix thingy where Earth's machine rulers have consigned most of humanity.

When we last saw Reeves' Neo, he was flying high with the discovery of his superpowers as "The One," a prophesied messiah who can free the human race from its machine yoke.

Now the machines have dispatched an army of "sentinels," mechanical creepy-crawlies intended to destroy Zion, the last human city. While most of Zion's hovercraft vessels stick around to defend the city, Neo, girlfriend Trinity (Moss) and mentor Morpheus (Fishburne) head toward Earth's surface to re-enter the matrix.

Neo hopes to fulfill his destiny and kick the tar out of the mean machines. Instead, his "oneness" is cast into doubt as he learns possible new truths about his purpose and origin.

Along the way, Neo and friends encounter old and new acquaintances, most with silly names, some with silly hairdos.

Hugo Weaving returns as agent Smith, whose unctuous speech has lost much of its lively menace now that he's become a rogue computer program hunting Neo for no good reason.

The agent has gained the ability to replicate himself, leading to Neo's ridiculous battle with an endless stream of Smiths that's more Keystone Kops burlesque than action sequence.

Gloria Foster is back as the Oracle, who prattles on some more about the itinerary Neo should follow, but only after Neo passes muster by trading punches with the Seraph, her bodyguard.

That leads the gang to the Merovingian (Lambert Wilson), a hedonistic computer program, his gorgeous wife Persephone (Monica Bellucci) and their two goofily dreadlocked henchmen (Neil and Adrian Rayment).

Then it's on to the Keymaker (Randall Duk Kim), who appropriately holds the key to a matrix sanctuary Neo must crash, but not before an interminable freeway chase involving a bunch of agents and the dreadlock geeks.

Starting to feel the carpal tunnel in your joystick wrist?

Tossed in to little effect are Harold Perrineau as a member of Morpheus' crew; Jada Pinkett Smith as ship's captain Niobe and Morpheus' ex-lover; and Harry Lennix as ship's captain Lock and Niobe's current lover.

The Wachowskis had \$300 million to squander shooting both sequels simultaneously. This movie was not worth the wait, but not the money.

"The Matrix Reloaded," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R for sci-fi violence and some sexuality.

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is a collection of mellow songs that are comparable to Jewel and John Mayer.

Mraz's new hit single, "The Remedy," is quickly growing in popularity. His video is getting regular play on VH1 and MTV. Fans of Jack Johnson and John Mayer are sure to enjoy this act.

Mraz will be featured on the Music Choice Concert Series through May 25. He will tour throughout the summer, including a newly added appearance with Alanis Morissette on July 26.

Mraz credits the coffeehouse

scene in San Diego for giving him the chance to learn onstage. Mraz has an accomplished, versatile voice, a love of language and a fun-loving live show.

Tickets are now available at all VALLITIX outlets, including Mustang ticket office, Boo Boo Records in San Luis Obispo and Grover Beach, Roemer's in Santa Maria and the MidState Fairgrounds in Paso Robles.

Tickets are \$15.50 with Cal Poly student ID and \$19 for general admission. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. All concert-goers are subject to search; no cameras or recording devices will be allowed. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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meal, please feel free to indulge yourself with a gourmet salad ranging from \$6 to \$8.

Once my food was finally placed in front of me, I went at it like a wildebeest. After one taste, I wondered what I smelled upon entry because the chicken did not even come close to suiting my taste buds. As for the pasta dish my date had ordered, that too lacked taste and visual appeal.

Overall, I would rank this Italian restaurant as a weak 6. Maybe next time, I will try another dish and perhaps another server and the restaurant can redeem itself.

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participating multicultural clubs. Organized by Sigma Omega Nu, a Latina-interest sorority, the event includes performances by Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Nu Alpha Kappa, Alpha Pi Sigma, Xicano Commencement Committee, Gay Lesbian Bisexuals United, Salsa Club and Latinos in

idential construction." Hauck said the student response has been extremely positive. "Those students that are interested in residential construction are very pleased to see that Pulte has chosen Cal Poly," Hauck said. "We think this is going to completely revitalize the way we can teach residential con-

Agriculture. "We try to get as many clubs as possible to participate," said Muayama Cordova, event coordinator and kinesiology junior. "Then we can be aware of each other and get to know each other better." The purpose of the event is not to point out the cultural differences, but rather to celebrate their unity. "We are all members of the Multicultural Center family, and we

struction and property development." Erika Strobel, a construction management senior, agrees. "I think it's amazing," Strobel said. "To give our college that much money is wonderful. They must have a lot of faith in our school and our students."

want to make students and community members part of that family too," said Evelyn Blanco, event coordinator and architecture junior. "It's about forgetting our differences, breaking down barriers and just celebrating our unity." Admission for the show is \$6, which will enter attendees into a drawing. Door prizes include a Sony Playstation, Playstation games, Disneyland tickets, Magic Mountain tickets and gift certificates from local stores.

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Wreck," Clark said. "After I finished reading it, I saw that my own poetry could change." Clark said Rich's work had a directness and inventiveness that he had never seen before. Rich has received the Bollingen Prize, the Lannan Lifetime Achievement Award, the Academy of American Poets Fellowship, the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the Lenore Marshall Prize, the National Book Award and a MacArthur Fellowship. She made a controversial move in 1997, when she rejected the National Medal for the Arts presented to her by President Bill Clinton. Rummell said Rich did not accept the medal because she believed that no political party in the United States has worked for the people or the arts. Rich wrote in her letter of rejection, "There is no political leadership in the White House or the Congress that has spoken to and for the people who, in a very real sense, have felt abandoned by their government."

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Notebook

Men's Soccer

Young invited to NCAA conference

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — J.J. Young, a member of the Cal Poly men's soccer team, has been selected as one of 302 student-athletes invited to attend the seventh annual NCAA Leadership Conference, scheduled for May 25 through 29 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Young, a business major from Carlsbad, Calif., is a sophomore at Cal Poly.

The conference is designed to enhance student-athletes' leadership and communication skills and to enable them to become more effective leaders and motivators when they return to their campuses. The convention setting provides the student-athletes with an opportunity to create dialogue surrounding topics that affect them on campus and in their communities. The conference also provides them with exercises to enhance their decision-making and problem-solving skills, and improve planning and priority management.

Young was selected from a total of 1,172 nomination forms that were submitted by college and university officials who have NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills programs at their schools.

Criteria for selection include the student-athletes' demonstrated ability and strong desire to be a leader and the student-athletes' potential to benefit significantly from a leadership development experience. In order to be eligible for the conference, student-athletes must be in good academic standing, and must have athletics eligibility remaining in the following academic year. A committee comprised of CHAMPS/Life Skills coordinators from member institutions and NCAA student-athletes review the nominations to determine the final selections.

During the conference's seven-year history, attendees from Cal Poly have included former football player Osbaldo Orozco (1999), and current women's basketball assistant coach Odessa Jenkins (2001).

Baseball

LeDuc: Big West Co-Pitcher of the Week

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly sophomore pitcher Dennis LeDuc has been named Big West Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week for his performance against Cal State Northridge last weekend in Baggett Stadium.

LeDuc, a right-handed relief pitcher from La Mesa, earned one win and a pair of saves as the Mustangs swept the three-game series against the Matadors, winning all three games by one run, 10-9, 6-5 and 8-7.

Cal Poly Track and Field: Big West Conference Preview

Eyes on the prize

► Mustangs seeking first Big West Conference team title this weekend

By Graham Womack

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly is looking to capture its first team title at the Big West championships today and Saturday at Cal State Northridge.

Utah State is the early favorite to repeat as champions, although Idaho and Cal Poly are also seen as threats. Cal Poly is looking to build on its second-place finishes by the men's and women's teams last year at UC Irvine.

"We'll obviously come in as the underdog since Utah State is the reigning Big West champion," Cal Poly coach Terry Crawford said. "Our goal is to dethrone them."

This year's championship meet comes amidst a string of recent successes, including first-place finishes at the Northridge Tri-Meet and Santa Barbara Dual Meet. Individually, the Mustangs are threats on several levels as well.

"There's a lot of really good athletes on this team, a lot of All-Americans," said Ashlee Dere, who is on the verge of qualifying for nationals in the steeplechase.

Stephanie Brown comes into the meet with Cal Poly records in two

field events. Her discus throw of 189 feet, 6 inches and shot put toss of 56 feet have helped earn her All-American status and top seeding in each field for Saturday's throwing competitions. She's also qualified for the upcoming NCAA regional.

Tyrone Ward is also a top seed, having qualified for the regional in the 400 meter and the long jump.

▼ *"We'll obviously come in as the underdog..."*

Terry Crawford
Cal Poly coach

Ward's Big West-best jump of 26 feet, 7 inches from last year also puts him in line for next year's Olympic Trials. Along with doing the long jump and the 400, he will compete in the 4-by-100 relay and the 4-by-400 relay.

Distance runner Ryan Moorcroft has top seeding in the 5,000 with the 14:12.83 he ran April 20 at the Mount SAC Relays in Walnut.

"I think we have a real core group of athletes that are very goal-oriented," Crawford said.

With a time of 11:00:04 in the 3,000 steeplechase, Dere is a mere four-hundredths of a second away from qualifying for nationals. The time, a Cal Poly record, is good

enough for a No. 6 ranking this weekend at the Big West Championships, where success is crucial for the sophomore Dere to move on.

"It's pretty pivotal, because we get good competition and the chance to get our times down and qualify," Dere said.

Maggie Vessey is under pressure too, recovering from injuries that have plagued her this season. Although she won conference last year with a personal record of 2:06:53 in the 800, she's done no better than 2:08 outdoors this year, having battled shin splints that she got after competing indoors this season.

"I was tired, I had shin problems, so I took a little break," Vessey said.

Still, Vessey is healthy now and said she will run "no matter what." The Mustangs are looking good for this weekend; many said this team is the best track team they've been a part of.

"There's a lot of support for each other," Dere said.

Team unity remains critical to success, and it was on display at the Northridge meet on May 4, Ward said.

"It was fun watching everybody step up and compete," he said. "It wasn't necessarily big days. Everybody just did exactly what they were supposed to do."

Sean Martin's 'Foul Balls'

'Weekend warriors' deserve props

The Cal Poly sports season is winding down. The only competition left for most teams is the NCAA Championships.

Stories of teams overcoming adversity and beating the odds en route to postseason glory would be the perfect filler for these column inches.

However, these storylines have reached the status of

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cliché. Their plots have grown worn and tired; they appear everywhere from local sports pages to the big screen in the form of cheesy, inaccurate Disney flicks that end in a slow-motion victory scene backed by a "Chariots of Fire"-inspired score.

I am going to analyze the other end of the spectrum, in a rebellion to the whoring out of athletic heroics. The story I will tell is about athletes who dwindle in obscurity and anonymity. Their hardships and adversities are not used to sweeten the stories about the road to glory; if anything, these difficulties are what define them as athletes.

I am talking about the intramural athletes. These combatants spend most of their time in the shadows of anonymity, but here is their time in the light.

These jocks are weekend warriors, one step removed from armchair quarterbacking.

Most of them are former high school athletes who use this last bastion of formal competition to ease the

transition into those Bud Light-drenched Sunday afternoons where Lay-Z-Boy isn't only the name of the recliner.

Please do not think I said that in mocking. I love the intramural participant because he or she is the epitome of those who "play for the love of the game." They have no uniforms, unless you count the Magic Marker-drawn number written on the inside of their arm. In fact, our heroes have to pay their own way to compete, and for what? The only light at the end of their tunnel is a championship T-shirt that they can proudly wear around campus, much to the admiration of, well, themselves.

I once saw a guy wearing his freshly pressed victory shirt to a party. I wonder if he used it as a pickup line, asking girls, "Hey, want to come home with a real winner?" His winning streak surely came to an end that night.

Enough jesting, though, because there is definitely a lot right with the intramural system.

Exercise of any form should be commended, especially as America's collective ass gets fatter and costs the health care system even more money (the bill comes to \$93 billion a year, according to USA Today). Athletic competition is a great workout, especially when your basketball team has all of six players, and it is a lot more fun than mindless hours on the human hamster wheel. I never got the point of running to get nowhere.

Also, just like your Little League coach told you, sports can teach a lot of life lessons. Intramural athletes wreak of Old Spice and good sportsmanship. The competition is friendly and good spirited, and teams wholeheartedly congratulate each other when it is all over.

Intramural athletes learn other lessons that they may not have picked up earlier, like that losing doesn't cut it. Unlike the NBA Eastern Conference, teams can't qualify for postseason play unless they have a winning record, regardless of where they are in the standings.

I don't care what you were told about "It's not whether you win or lose ..." That statement only applies to youth, when the goal is to not hurt anyone's feelings. The intramural philosophy of "win or go home" is what we can all expect when we leave here.

Another good rule taught by intramural sports is that men shouldn't wear jewelry. In basketball, just like it should be in real life, that is a technical foul.

OK, so intramurals aren't going to teach someone to be the next Ghandi, and they're not the arena to see the next Michael Jordan. But they are still a big part of the Poly sporting landscape.

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SCORES

WOMEN'S TENNIS	0
vs georgia tech	4
BASEBALL	8
vs northridge	7
BASEBALL	6
vs northridge	5
BASEBALL	10
vs northridge	9
SOFTBALL	3
vs fullerton	2
SOFTBALL	3
vs michigan st.	6

SCHEDULE

BASEBALL	fri., may 16, 2 p.m.
vs santa barbara	@ ucsb
BASEBALL	sat., may 17, 1 p.m.
vs santa barbara	@ ucsb
BASEBALL	sun., may 18, 1 p.m.
vs santa barbara	@ ucsb
BASEBALL	fri., may 23, 6 p.m.
vs stanford	@ stanford
BASEBALL	sat., may 24, 1 p.m.
vs stanford	@ stanford
BASEBALL	sun., may 25, 1 p.m.
vs stanford	@ stanford
TRACK AND FIELD	fri., may 16
vs big west	@ northridge
TRACK AND FIELD	fri.-sat., may 30-31
vs ncaa regionals	@ stanford
FIELD HOCKEY	fri.-sun., may 23-25
vs cal cup	berkeley

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Four Cal Poly softball players are All-Conference selections: Shortstop Chelsy Stoufer was named to the first team, first baseman Holly Ballard and designated player Shannon Brooks were named to the second team and second baseman Roni Sparrey earned honorable mention.

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today's question

Who is the longest-tenured coach in the four 'major' professional North American sports (hockey, basketball, football and baseball)?

Submit answers to: jljackso@calpoly.edu

Thursday's question

Who is the only NBA player to be named 6th man of the year and league MVP in his career?
Bill "Throw it Down" Walton

Congratulations Mike "Mavs in 6" Chapman and Jonathan Romero!!

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